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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	
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G. William Ragland	)	Group Art Unit: 1775
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Application No.: 10/044,895	)	Examiner: Jason L. Savage
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Filed: January 9, 2002	)	
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For: MULTI-COMPARTMENT	)	
STRUCTURE FOR INSULATION	)	
AND OTHER MATERIALS	)	

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Restriction Response  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed by the Examiner on August 12, 2003, Applicant elects Group I, Claims 1-8 and 12-15, with traverse, for initial examination.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement are respectfully requested. This Restriction Requirement is believed to be improper for a number of reasons, including related claimed subject matter. As set forth, Claims 1-26 in this application are directed to various embodiments of the same invention having a common metal foil element in each of the product and method embodiments of the invention as

specified in all of the claims. Accordingly, concurrent examination of Groups I to V in this application would not be an undue burden and would promote overall efficiency and lowered costs.

In view of the above, it is requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the Restriction Requirement.

Examination and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Sir:

Enclosed is a Response to the Restriction Requirement for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☒ Also enclosed is/are Acknowledgement Postcard.
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the  
☐ \$375.00 (2801) ☐ \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_, on \_\_\_, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

(05/03)

☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

☒ No additional claim fee is required.

☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADD'L FEE
Total Claims	12	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	0
Independent Claims	3	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$84.00 (1201) =	0
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203)					0
Total Claim Amendment Fee					0
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					0

☐ A total fee in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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